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Jc993 U.S. PTO**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**(for Noncontinuing, Nonprovisional Applications
under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 72350

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 Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks)
 ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner for Patents)
 Washington, D.C. 20231)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R.
 §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional, noncontinuing
 patent application for:

Title: EXTERNAL FIXATION APPARATUS
 AND METHOD)

First Named Inventor or Application Identifier:
 Janowski et al.)

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61 pages of the specification (including claims) are enclosed.

28 sheet(s) of drawings are enclosed. Formal Informal

An executed Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney naming the actual inventors is enclosed.

The names of persons believed to be the actual inventors are set forth in the enclosed unexecuted Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney (§1.41(a) and §1.53(b)).

An Assignment of the invention to _____, and cover sheet are enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for recording the assignment is enclosed.

The Recordation Form Cover Sheet includes authorization to charge our Deposit Account for recording the assignment.

A 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) statement is enclosed where an assignee seeks to take action.

An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

_____ References (copies) listed on the Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

A Return Receipt Postcard is enclosed (MPEP §503).

Priority of application number _____ filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

A Computer Program Listing Appendix is enclosed.

A Transmittal Cover Letter for Computer Program Listing Appendix is enclosed.

Two (2) Compact Discs are enclosed.

A Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission is enclosed.

A Computer Readable Copy is enclosed.

A Paper Copy (Identical to Computer Copy) is enclosed.

A Statement Verifying Identity of above Copies is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated below:

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Basic Fee		\$ 740.00
Independent Claims	<u>5</u> - <u>3</u> = <u>2</u>	x \$ 84.00 = <u>\$ 168.00</u>
Total Claims	<u>37</u> - <u>20</u> = <u>17</u>	x \$ 18.00 = <u>\$ 306.00</u>
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims		\$ 280.00
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